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FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL

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INFO USMISSION GENEVA

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SREF UNHCR

SUBJ: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES - UNHCR VISIT TO KOREA

1. MR. A. SAMPATKUMAR, UNHCR REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE BASED IN KUALA LUMPUR, PAID COURTESY CALL AUG 23 ON CHARGE DURING VISIT TO KOREA. MR. SAMPATKUMAR HAD VISITED THE THREE GROUPS OF VIETNAMESE BOAT CASE REFUGEES (90 PERSONS IN ALL) PRESENTLY IN KOREA. HE STATED THAT THEY WERE VERY WELL TAKEN CARE OF, THAT THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT HAD DONE MORE THAN NECESSARY TO HELP THESE REFUGEES IN FURNISHING QUARTERS AND FOOD. HE SAID THAT IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT HE WAS ASSURED THAT THE ROK WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN TAKING IN ALL BOAT CASES WHOSE FIRST PORT OF CALL WAS KOREA TO GIVE TEMPORARY RELIEF PENDING THEIR RESETTLEMENT.

2. REGARDING THE INABILITY OF THE KOREAN VESSEL S.S. DONG

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HYON-HO TO LAND 20 VIETNAMESE IN SINGAPORE IN EARLY AUGUST, HE SAID THAT THE SITUATION WAS CAUSED BY THE KOREAN EMBASSY IN SINGAPORE NOT FOLLOWING THE CORRECT PROCEDURE IN REQUESTING PERMISSION AND THAT SINGAPORE WILL PRESUMABLY NOT CAUSE ANY DIFFICULTIES IN THE FUTURE PROVIDED A PROPER REQUEST IS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES WORKED OUT BETWEEN HIMSELF AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE.

3. MR. SAMPATKUMAR LEFT KOREA YESTERDAY (AUGUST 23) BOUND  
DIRECTLY FOR HONG KONG.  
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